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CONGRATULATORY.

Another year has rolled away into the eternity of the past, and we are once more assembled in Convention to review the work of the past twelve months and to outline the labor that is to come. At the opening of this Convention I congratulate you upon the results of its year's work. I congratulate you also upon the progress our Cause has made during the year and upon the increase of interest that has been apparent in all sections of our country. The people are recognizing the value of the truths of Spiritualism as they never have before, and are looking to the N. S. A. to have them placed before their minds as their importance warrants they should be.

RETROSPECTIVE.

The last year has been one of active work on the part of the N. S. A. in all of its departments. The various almanacs of the secular papers in all of the large cities of the land were supplied with data in regard to the standing of Spiritualism in general in America, and of the N. S. A. in particular, which facts found their way into print when those books were published.

There has been a more general interest in the subject of Spiritualism on the part of the masses than has been apparent during any previous year in the history of the N. S. A., and the treatment accorded our movement by the secular and religious press, with a few exceptions, has been uniformly fair. The masses are demanding information on occult subjects and the press is meeting that demand.

Several estates have been settled from which certain sums have accrued to the treasury of the N. S. A., a test case taken before the Interstate Commerce Commission, should settle the question in which the N. S. A. is interested, is now pending. The Association will ultimately receive these bequests, the delay being occasioned by the requirements of the law.

The State Association and a few local societies have been organized and entered during the year. Local interest in Spiritualism has almost uniformly shown a marked N. S. A. faithfully and well in doing increase throughout the nation, the work of his office, and has placed every exception being in such places every Spiritualist in America under obligations to him for his earnest frank and charlatany within a few years.

There has also been a greater demand for literature bearing upon this subject than has been obtained hitherto, and the N. S. A. has been called upon to supply as much of it as is needed. The Spiritualist papers much to its power for good in the last year have been more widely read, and land. I recommend his report that books by our best authors have been will be submitted to this Convention, called for in the way of sales, and for to the thoughtful consideration of reading in the public libraries of the every delegate, and urge that his recommendations be made a part of

MISSIONARY WORK.

Four general missionaries, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates,

and Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague, were appointed under the orders of the last annual Convention, and placed in the field, with a roving commission at a salary of sixty-two and fifty one-hundredths dollars each per month. Their reports, to be received later, will give detailed accounts of their work and the results thereof. They have rendered our Cause much service, and endeavored to awaken interest in organization wherever they have labored. One can complain of their zeal or earnestness of spirit in the discharge of their duties. Special attention should be given to the history of their work as laid down in their reports in order that intelligent action may be taken thereon.

Later in the season James S. Scarett was commissioned Missionary for the New England States with instructions to devote quite a portion of his time to Massachusetts. His report will acquaint us with the results of his labors. Brother Scarett was true to his trust, and did his best to serve the N. S. A. wherever he stepped upon the rostrum.

Early in the spring of 1903, Mrs. Anna C. Scarritt, formerly Cecilia O'Farrell, was appointed Missionary at large by our Board of Trustees, to serve without salary. I am not informed as to the scope of her labors, nor as to the returns therefrom. Her report will no doubt be presented to this Convention, and will outline the results of her work. There is an ordinance in Denver prohibiting the practice of mediumship, or restricting it to those who pay a heavy license fee. The commission from the N. S. A. as Missionary exempted Mrs. Price from the provisions of this measure. In Seattle, Washington, this commission did not avail anything, hence the necessity of looking into the prosecution of mediums in that city, as suggested in another portion of this report.

Missionary work is always an important feature in the propaganda of the religion of Spiritualism. It can be made a tower of strength to the N. S. A. and to Spiritualism when it is rightly undertaken. While we have had good results from the efforts of past years, I am led to believe that we can accomplish more, at the expense of money and energy, by a change of method. Many friends of our movement are anxious to have the N. S. A. missionaries visit their communities, but cannot secure them on account of the expense. Others receive their aid, having a brief revival of interest in Spiritualism and then return to their former inert state.

Some weak and struggling local societies receive visits of two or three days, only to feel the drain upon their resources for some weeks afterward with little or no appreciable benefit to the organization. This result is the fault of the method now in vogue, rather than that of the missionaries themselves.

So long as they feel that they must pay the way, and turn a surplus into the treasury of the N. S. A., just so long will their work be barren of lasting results. Short visits of two or three days or even a week arouses interest for the time being, but like the fashioned survival of the church, it is to last but little results from the

In order to be effective, missionary work should be continuous. A man who is sincerely devoted to the propagation of Spiritualism, makes a better missionary who

Proceedings of Convention --- President Barrett Re-Elected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 24.—Special.—The following officers for the N. S. A. were elected for the ensuing year: Harrison D. Barrett, president; Dr. George B. Warne of Chicago, vice-president; Mrs. M. T. Longley, Secretary, Theodore J. Mayer, treasurer. Trustees: Illyd C. I. Evans, Carrie Twing, Casius L. Stevens, Hon. Alonzo Thompson, Thomas Grimshaw.

MOSES HULL.

RECEPTION MONDAY NIGHT.
At the reception in the Regent Hotel, Monday evening, the local and visiting Spiritualists enjoyed a social good time, punctuated with many interesting addresses, both humorous and serious in character. Incidentally, there was much discussion of the proposed ritual and the election of the new officers. While old friends were meeting and engaging in lively conversation in different parts of the hotel strains of music, provided for the occasion, permeated the apartments. The local members were busy looking out for the comfort of the guests and introducing strangers to each other.

Many were on hand and it was not long before the leaders from different sections of the country were called upon to speak. The following were among those who responded:

Rev. Moses Hull, of Whitewater, Wis.; Rev. H. W. Sayles, East Aurora, N. Y.; Rev. F. A. Wiggin, of Boston, Mass.; Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, of Onset, Mass.; Lyman C. Howe, Fredonia, N. Y.; Rev. J. J. Morse, London, England; Rev. E. W. Sprague, Jamestown, N. Y.; J. B. Hatch, Jr., Boston, Mass.; Rev. John W. Ring, Galveston, Tex.; Mrs. Jenny L. Edson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Z. B. Kates, Thornton, Pa.; and Carrie E. S. Twing, Westfield, N. Y.

President Harrison D. Barrett presided. The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, of Troy, N. Y.

About 150 delegates had arrived the Philadelphia delegation arriving Monday afternoon. The Board of Trustees, which had been in session for the past few days, had completed all arrangements for the Convention.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 A. M.

"Spiritualism as a Growing Power in the World" was the theme of discussion and the watchword of the work of nearly 200 delegates who met Tuesday morning, October 20, in National Rifles Armory, on G. Street, N. W., near 9 Street, Washington D. C. to attend the Eleventh Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists Association of the United States and Canada. The morning session continued until 12 o'clock, when a recess was taken until 2 p. m.

The stage in the Armory was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and leaves. The audiences both morning and afternoon were very large, there being over 300 delegates and visitors present, and the greatest interest was manifested in the business presented for consideration.

The session this morning began with congregational singing of "Jubilate," after which the invocation was pronounced by Mrs. Mary T. Longley. After a song by C. Payson Longley, entitled, "The Dear Old Days," President Barrett delivered an address of welcome to the delegates.

He said in part: "It devolves upon me this morning

to give you a formal welcome as delegates to this Convention. In extending to you the welcome I simply voice the sentiment of the Spiritualists of the nation in greeting to one another. There is no point at which the oneness of thought among us, as a people, can be more clearly felt than during these annual gatherings. I note with pleasure, the representative character of this great Convention. More states are represented on this floor at the present moment than have been at any previous Convention since 1888. It is an index of the fact that the N. S. A. is growing in the estimation of the nation, and proves to us that organization is no longer in the air, but is a concrete fact."

Continuing, he asked the delegates to consider the problem of how best to advance the thought of Spiritualism throughout the land, and of placing it in a clear light before the people.

"Let us give them a concrete expression of our belief," he said. He spoke of the passing of the idea that they were apart from the world.

"It is not that we believe in spirit return, but that we know it. Let us say that to the world and stand by it, and in recognizing it let us give the world something by which the dark pall of sorrow can be lightened and the heavy load of gloom with which the world is shrouded may be rent assunder by the smile of God. I welcome you."

After another song by Mr. Longley entitled, "The Garments We Make We Shall Wear," Reverend Moses Hull, president of the Morris Pratt Institute responded to the President's address. He emphasized the statement that the Spiritualists were all gathered together to break down the barriers of north, south, east and west, and make their body one over the whole world. He spoke of this Convention as a grand symposium, at which believers are to learn how much alike they are and how to better organize their forces and carry on their missionary work. He said that Spiritualism is no longer a curiosity, but has become a great movement, in which all the world is interested. He even intimated that it is not far different from other religious beliefs, saying Spiritualism is universal.

After more music the appointment of the following committees was made by president Barrett:
Committee on credentials: J. B. Hatch, Jr., of Massachusetts; W. J. Hicks, of Montana; F. W. Martin, of Ohio; Milan C. Edson, of Washington D. C. and Mrs. Stella A. Fiske, of Iowa.
Committee on rules: Dr. Geo. A. Fuller, of Massachusetts; Mr. A. S. Gillespie, of California; Dr. B. O'Dell, of Michigan; E. H. Green, of Mis-

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and as this decides, reason or love
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THE N. S. A.

Again the annual Convention of
the N. S. A. is a thing of the past.
Ever since President Barrett placed
his resignation before the Spiritual-
istic world last spring, the current
topic among the active N. S. A.
workers has been Who shall the future
President be? About two hundred
delegates and their friends went to
Washington from all parts of the
United States with this question
uppermost in their minds. Some
already had their choice made and
had been trying hard for some time to
persuade others to decide in favor
of their choice.

This is an important office to fill,
it requires some one who is willing
and able to devote their entire
thought and life to the work in hand,
and is qualified to meet the public
demands in many ways. After ar-
riving at Washington and mingling
together for a few days there was
still no one person who appealed to
the delegates assembled as just the
one to fill the office which had been
so satisfactorily filled by the retiring
President. Several candidates were
in the field which made it a hard mat-
ter to decide on a general favorite.

A telegram received Saturday
morning informs us that Harrison
D. Barrett is re-elected as the Presi-
dent for the ensuing year. This
proves beyond doubt that he is still
the one who is the general favorite
among the workers connected with
the N. S. A. We rejoice that the
past efforts on the part of President
Barrett are so well appreciated and
we hope the confidence in his ability
shown by his re-election, will be suf-
ficient to buoy him up and cause him
to regain his health and strength
sufficient to carry on the work for
which he is so well fitted.

We extend to him our congratula-
tions and the SUNFLOWER will pro-
mote him its support in the future
as in the past to assist him and help
to carry on the work of the N. S. A.

The N. S. A. is doing a grand,
good work. There is no doubt but
that it is responsible to a great ex-
tent for the rapid stride Spiritualism
has made in the way by gaining gen-
eral favor in the eyes of the world.
The Association is gradually growing
in members and wealth, as well as
power and influence and is destined
to achieve still greater success.

Equal Rights.

Reason sensitizes the flesh; love
qualifies it. That is, one makes it
perceptible to sensations or feelings
foreign to their own; the other infuses
it with health or strength without
other aid than natural food. But
adulterated by mental or moral im-
purities it deteriorates in either of
these qualities.

Carnal reasoning destroys its per-
sistency and consequently the subtler
powers of generating or taking in
thought vibrations; while selfish
loving (implying either deceit or in-
justice) weakens it consistent with
reversal of the love-principles, which
is also the creative force or life-
principle of nature.

Reasoning spiritually attunes the
flesh to the touch of all that involves
life or motion, and conveys it as an
intelligent vibration to the brain.

Loving spiritually or unselfishly
infuses the flesh with health and
vigor and permits its primal influence
—its force as a law—to act freely in

little things, is it any wonder that
we know so little of ourselves. Is it
any wonder that the doctrine of
fatalism has such prestige?

—The Cleveland Press.

PHILOSOPHY AND PHENOMENON

"There is no death," the poet sings;
"What seems so is transit m;"—
"A change of form to spiritings
In more refined condition!"

But is it not a fairy tale?—
Imagination dreaming—
Assuming us that death's dark trail
On earth is only seeming!

Once loved ones vanish from our sight,
Their forms are laid away—
What touches by death's destroying
Blight?

What comes back to clay?
The blossom born of cold distrust,
Death never yet remains—
"I must die, (and die I must)
And still then live again!"

The Christian and the Infidels,
The living two and one,
Are weught, for who can tell,
To continue on?

The shadow that come at all,
Come through demonstration,
Come with hope in vain,
Come with that sure founder!

These solving all phenomena,
These solving inspiration,
These solving encyclopaedia,
These solving information!

—A. H. Reynolds.

PHYSICAL ALMANAC AND
PREDICHERIS FOR 1904

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office. It comprises a variety of
useful matter and tables, and pre-
dictions of the events and weather
during the coming year. You should
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yellow to yellowish green. The rind

will be of moderate thickness.

It will be well ripened.

It will be a nutty flavor.

It will be hard that you

cannot cut with your finger tips.

The rind

should be salted too heavily,

skinned or crushed too much.

On the other

hand, if the rind breaks upon pressure

or does not spring back readily

when the rind is withdrawn this

indicates an oversoft article, caused by the slack

cooking of the curd or a want of acid.

As fast it will have an insipid flavor

and will "go off" as it ages.

—An Unapostolistic Lawyer.

A well known lawyer whose first
name is James has a brother whom he
visited lately. His brother has a
daughter, aged four years, whose moth-
er had lectured her a few days before
for telling "stories." The lawyer, think-
ing to entertain the little one, took her
on his knee and told her two of his best
folklore tales. Instead of being charmed,
as he expected, "she never smiled,
but when he had finished she from his
knee, with a solemn face, said, going to
her mother, said: 'Mamma, Uncle Jim
will go to the bad place sure. He has
just told me two big stories.' —Kansas

City Journal.

—Family Convention.

"Agatha," said her mother, "I don't
like to hear a daughter of mine tell
such a conventional lie. You know you
haven't been Aunt Becky, and yet when
she came the other day you said,
'Auntie, how glad I am to see you!'"

"That wasn't a lie, mamma," answered
Agatha. "That was an excla-
mation." —Chicago Tribune.

Marrying For Money.

"I married for lub de lust time," said
Emmanuel Snow, "but din't me I mar-
ried for money, an' don't you forget it?"

"Your hobbie elect has money, has
money."

"Yes, sir. Dat girl has o less dan
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—John J. Dermott,
St. Louis, Mo.

—A splendid
spiritual dial.

—A spirit dial.

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LILY DALE NEWS.

Our fall weather still continues. Some rain with a little sleet and a touch of hail, and Friday night a few flakes of snow.

The grass is beautiful and part of the trees are as green as they were in the summer. Many of the days are perfect, and those who can get out and enjoy them.

They are still cutting trees and it is to be hoped that they will get out enough this time so that we can miss them in the spring when the foliage is all cut again. They will be most conspicuous by their absence in Caldwell Park especially in the center of it where a great many have been taken out, among them several of the pines. That old land mark on the road that ran around to the east of Caldwell Park, the tree that the roots grew several feet above the ground in such a grotesque manner is out, and many more at the same point in the road which will be remembered as having always been muddy, have been removed so that the sun and wind can get in and keep the road dry. This will certainly be a great improvement.

It is reported that the timber is being cut to be used for the rig to bore for gas. And that the location about decided on is in the Hall woods to the east of the camp grounds, only a few hundred feet. As Silver Creek is not far from here, they have struck a gas well that is throwing a blaze of gas thirty feet into the air. It is causing a great deal of local excitement, and we are hopeful that the same results will be attained here.

Mrs. Sage, Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. VanDuzee have left within a week for Lake Helen, Fla., where they will spend the winter at the Lake Helen Camp. They are very fortunate to be able to get away before the cold weather.

F. Corden White and wife have returned from their visit but will leave again Wednesday for Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mr. White will devote his time to his mediumship. We are glad to have them come early and stay late.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross have gone to New York City to visit their son, they will be gone about a month.

G. F. Kittredge, of Lockport, N. Y., who has been spending the summer at Lily Dale, and working at the SUNFLOWER office, has returned to his home. Mrs. Brookings, of Chicago, is here spending a few or more days if she feels so do so. She is looking well and in good spirits considering the severe shock that she received last summer by the sudden death of her only son. She is stopping at Mrs. Dedrick's.

Mrs. Bailliet has gone to Conneaut, Erie and vicinity, for a short time. She will attend the Spiritualist convention in Cleveland, October 24.

Mrs. Nettie Bowers has gone for an extended visit in Ohio, where she will visit her own and Mr. Bower's relatives. She will stop at Meadville, Pa. on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton have been here having a roof put on their cottage and other repairs.

BUFFALO NEWS.

N. H. EDDY, Special Correspondent.

Sunday evening, October 17th, Mrs. Geo. Kliffull, of 7 Cottage Street, gave a party and entertainment at her residence in honor of her birthday anniversary. The evening was spent in social conclave and games; progressive pedro was quite a feature of the evening. Mr. Frank and Miss Elmore were awarded the prizes for gaining the most points. The games were made very interesting and entertaining through the congenial spirit and feelings of each one present. Mrs. Kliffull the hostess of the evening made every effort possible to make the occasion a very enjoyable one to all, and was very liberal in her hospitality. A bountiful supply of meats, salads, cakes, ice cream and coffee was furnished to which ample justice was done by those present. The evening was a very enjoyable one to both host and hostess. Mrs. Kliffull is an excellent medium, and while she has not as yet been before the public but a little yet she is destined, through the universal forces in nature, and the psychic elements in her organism, to reach a high mark in the field of psychic development, bringing her

much praise and appreciation, in the future expression of her medial powers.

Sunday morning, October 18th, at the Temple, Carrie Twing read a poem after which she discoursed upon the subject of the book called "The Psychological Crime" stating her opinion regarding the influence the book would have in some cases upon the minds of those who read it. Mrs. Twing spoke in much praise of the *Progressive Thinker's* great effort, through its many able and efficient writers to present their views to the public, mentioning names of some prominent ones as speaking of the Fallacious ideas expressed in that book, giving excellent reasons for their views and ideas of the book. Mrs. Twing gave many interesting thoughts relative to mediumship, the value of the same, and Spiritualism to the world and to humanity by the knowledge and facts given through mediumship, proving the continuity of life in the spheres of eternal existence.

Sunday evening, October 18th, Mrs. Twing spoke upon the subject "Attitude of Spiritualism toward the reforms of today," she referred to mediumship and the efforts of spirits to prove through mediumship the knowledge of spirit return. Mrs. Twing spoke at length and very interestingly. She mentioned the efforts made through medial power and advice in freeing the slaves, also of the advisability of women voting. To help in the reforms Mrs. Twing advocated peace, and that Spiritualism taught the principles of same.

Mrs. Anna L. Gillispie of San Francisco, was present and was invited to the platform and gave some very interesting thoughts about the work and Cause in San Francisco. Lyman C. Howe was also present and made some very appropriate remarks for the occasion, after which Mrs. Twing gave readings from articles placed on the table. Sunday, October 25th closes Mrs. Twing's engagement with the society. Prof. Lockwood serves the society during November, on Sunday and Wednesdays.

Friday evening, October 16th, at Sterling's Hall, 374 Connecticut St., the Harmony Circle Society, that hold their regular services in this hall every Sunday evening, with Chas. Hulbert, as President and speaker and medium, gave a very interesting and entertaining musical and literary exercise comprising music on piano, mandolin and guitar, also recitations both comic and select, every number on the program was well rendered and highly appreciated by the audience as denoted by their applause.

The program was a lengthy one. Much credit is due to Mrs. Muntz, the organizer and promoter of the musical and literary exercises. A large audience was in attendance the hall being well filled. After the entertainment refreshments were served and those who desired enjoyed themselves in a social dance, the entire evening was a grand success, and a very enjoyable time to all was the result.

The ginger bread social which was to have been given by Mrs. Carrie Twing, Saturday evening, October 24th, had to be postponed on account of her going to the N. S. A. Convention and not being able to return in time. It will occur some time in November and announcements will be made in these columns.

A New Society Formed in Hamilton Canada.

The following from the Hamilton, Can., Times shows progress in Canada.

"At a meeting held last evening, (October 13th) at 169 King street east, the following names were given as applicants for a charter to form a new society here, to be called The First Spiritual Society of Hamilton. Wm. Strong, real estate agent; Jas. Strong, merchant; C. Attwood, dealer; W. Goodwin, electrician; Geo. Scoum, florist; P. J. Culhan, mill poster; O. Bigelow, contractor. A site for a new building is to be secured at an early date. It is said that there is ample funds behind the new society. Mr. Farmer, of Lee, Jerome and Stanton, is the solicitor."

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"Paradise is not lost except to those who have blinded their eyes."

Life is Longer Under Modern Conditions.

At a recent session of the International Congress of Actuaries, held in this city, the comforting fact was brought out that the improved conditions of modern life, as shown by statistics of the insurance companies extending over a half a century, have resulted in a decided increase of the length of life of the average individual. The actuaries are men of the very highly professional ability and their conclusions are based, not upon limited observations, as is so often the case where important deductions are drawn from statistics, but upon a careful analysis of the census. Hence their conclusions may be accepted as perfectly reliable and accurate. Mr. C. L. Landre, of Amsterdam, in speaking of the results obtained in this country, stated that it was remarkable how very constantly the insurance statistics show the expectation of life is increasing, the increase of the maximum of the expectation of life having risen from 46.1 to 56.4 years for men and 48.6 to 57.8 years for women.

Mr. G. G. Warner stated that the results obtained in Great Britain show that whereas in 1838 the annual rate of mortality of men for all ages was twenty-three per thousand in 1900 it had fallen to nineteen per thousand; while for women it had fallen in the same period from twenty-two to seventeen per thousand.

The same authority stated that the distinct decrease in mortality in the nineteenth century progressed with so symmetry as to indicate a settled and permanent tendency. The curious fact was brought out that the most marked improvement is shown in the early years of life. From four years of age up to thirty-four the improvement is so steady that it must be regarded as the direct result of law, while the same fact holds true of female mortality for a decade longer, up to the age of forty-four and in a less decided degree for the male. After this age there are periods through which the ratios are at about the same level, and in the later epochs of life there is an evidence of regression. During the first years of the great national prosperity the marked, the nineteenth century, the effect in the lengthening of life was not marked, for prosperity was "more or less heartless." But in later years, humanity and particularly their material organizations for the care of the poor and suffering was a great advantage in hygiene and surgery, which also helped to extend the period of life. These developments have acted with more marked beneficial effect on childhood and youth than they have upon middle age; nor in the later period the intense strain and keener competition, which characterize modern life, its higher pressure, and special forms of disease, are causes of mortality from which the earlier periods of life are exempt.—*Scientific American*.

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any community where the spirit of liberalism prevails, provided he does not attempt to cover too much ground. No local society can be expected to flourish on one or two meetings per year. It is steady, persistent work that tells in the end. All Missionaries should seek to fill the treasures of the local societies they serve—not exhaust them—but exhaust them they must if they only visit them once or twice per year.

I firmly believe in missionary work, and recommend more of it for the coming year. Wherever possible, I urge that it be carried on in conjunction with the State Associations, and then upon the short circuit plan, by this method, a worker can be engaged for a full year by the N. S. A., and instructed to devote himself to the local societies within easy distance of each other. This he can do by frequent visits, through which he can impress his thought upon the people, and lead them to be as liberal in their support of Spiritualism as they ever were of the Christian Church.

By means of these short circuits, the expense of travel will be avoided and the matter of compensation more easily adjusted. Any one, in behalf of these Missionaries, should make the work self-supporting within a year's time, and in three years or less, should be able to aid the N. S. A.

This plan would not drain the Association of its resources, as the N. S. A. could only be called upon to meet small deficits, in place of large expenses of travel, and salaries. It would also enable the National body to employ a larger corps of Missionaries at much less expense, and thus better means of spreading the truths of Spiritualism among the masses who are hungering for them, and cannot obtain them. I appeal to this Convention for action upon this matter, and earnestly recommend the adoption of this method in the missionary work of the coming year. I also recommend that more Missionaries, rather than less, be put into the field, and kept to work.

USAGES.

Our last annual Convention authorized the appointment of a committee on usages, and instructed said committee to report to this body. That committee has attended to its duty and its report will be presented to you in the regular order of business. It is one of the most important, if not the most important, issues that will come before this Convention. It is to be hoped that the report of the Committee will be adopted as a whole by this body of delegates. Its adoption will give Spiritualism a legal standing in every State and Territory of the Union and will place all Spiritualists, who are members of organizations upon an equal footing with the followers of all other denominations. I most earnestly recommend the adoption of the committee's report, and the acceptance of its usages.

CAMP MEETINGS.

I am pleased to report a more general interest in the work of our leading camps, and a largely increased attendance at most of them. The N. S. A. has been accorded a royal welcome, and a general hearing at the majority of these gatherings. It is with no little pleasure that I report complete reciprocity between the N. S. A. and the camp meeting associations. Special days were assigned our Association at a goodly number of the camps, from which generous revenues were turned into our treasury. I recommend that special letters of thanks be sent to the camp managements who granted the N. S. A. their special recognition. I also recommend that the same may be solicited for the season of 1904 from all camps. These special days are the means of acquainting the people with the aims, objects, and accomplishments of the N. S. A., and usually prove of great benefit financially. The returns from camp work of all kinds for the present year are not less than \$1,500.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

In my former reports, I have dwelt at length upon this important subject. The needs of strengthening this branch of our work is greater than ever, and, though as a general thing, the local societies have had a fairly good year, they are yet far from being able to withstand a series of misfortunes. If our movement is to prosper, our local societies must

be sustained and their membership increased. All that I have ever said in regard to the danger accruing from weak local bodies is true today. It is the duty of the Convention to devise ways and means by which the primary units can be made to do better work for our cause as a whole. Very few of them are financially secure, and fewer still have a surplus at the close of the year. I ask you as delegates to consider how the membership of these local societies may be increased, and their finances strengthened. In former years I have suggested the appointment of a special representative whose duty it shall be to visit as many of these local bodies in the course of a year as he possibly can, without any thought of compensation, making it his special business to determine the special needs of each society visited, and the proper method of meeting them. I can only renew that recommendation to this Convention and I do so with the hope that something more than talking and resolving will be done in the premises. I do this in face of the seeming fact that it means an expense with no compensation revenue. For I fully believe that, when the people see that the N. S. A. is not always seeking money through its representatives, they will voluntarily contribute enough to meet this special expense to which I am now referring. One thing is certain—our local societies must be sustained, or our movement must go down. Fellow delegates, I plead for considerate action upon this matter on the part of all.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

Our State Associations have with a very few exceptions, done good work and made excellent progress during the past year. There are special State organizations that need strengthening, and a few that require resurrecting from the lethargic sleep that precedes final dissolution. From

the reports submitted by the State Association, this Convention will learn what has been done to advance our Cause in various sections of our land, and be able to determine the best remedies to apply to those States where aid is needed. State organizations are important factors in Spiritualistic work, and should be logically sustained. I recommend legislation upon this subject by this Convention, and suggest that a union of forces on the part of the N. S. A. with those of the State organizations in well directed missionary work would soon revive our moribund State Associations, and infuse new life into those that are now weak in numbers and finances.

THE LYCEUM.

Interest in Lyceum work has been revived to an appreciable extent, largely through the efforts of John W. Ring, the National Superintendent of the Lyceums for the United States. Mr. Ring was appointed Superintendent by the Trustees of the N. S. A., under the warrant of the last annual Convention, and has rendered faithful service in his special field of labor. His report will acquaint this Convention with what he has accomplished during the year, and with what he deems the requirements of his department for the ensuing year. I feel that Supt. Ring has done remarkably well, considering the limited means at his command, and am pleased to report that I have found a marked interest in the Lyceum journal he has established in connection with his office. He can make many needed improvements in that paper and organize a large number of live Lyceums as soon as he is given the means to enable him to do so. We cannot afford to deal niggardly with our Lyceums, and I urge you, as delegates, to give Supt. Ring's report your thoughtful attention and that you concede to him all that can be granted in reason for the special work of his department. I recommend that the office of National Superintendent be continued another year, and a special appropriation made for the purpose of enlarging the Lyceum papers. If Spiritualism is to prosper in the future the Spiritualists of the present must interest themselves in their children and give them a chance to know something of the principles upon which this movement is based. We have had plenty of Lyceum talkers for many years past; what is now needed is Lyceum workers and a goodly number of them.

THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

This institution opened its doors to the public in September, 1902, and has successfully passed through one full year of active school work. It is an auxiliary to the N. S. A., and its claims will be formally presented

in this Convention by the officers of the school. All Spiritualists are, or should be, interested in educational work, and should make every possible effort to advance the same. As an auxiliary of this Association, the Morris Pratt Institute is entitled to a respectful hearing on the part of this Convention and I suggest that a special hour be assigned its representatives in which to acquaint this body of delegates with its aims, purposes and accomplishments.

MEDIUM'S HOME.

It will be remembered that an effort was made during the last two years to establish a home for worthy, indigent mediums at Reed City, Mich. A home and lot were purchased at that point, and steps taken to secure a fund for sustaining the same. The responses were not encouraging, and the Trustees of the Association decided it would be best to offer temporary relief to those who were most needy and let the matter of a special home rest for the time being. Small pensions were accordingly paid to the few who were known to be worthy, and the public was informed that the Reed City Home would not be opened for an indefinite period. During the past year, the N. S. A. building at Reed City was burned, but as it was insured, the Association lost but a slight sum. It was decided to make an attempt to rebuild and the lot was advertised for sale. A good offer was received for it early in September, and accepted. Deeds have been duly signed, and the National Association has formally and finally closed out its business in Reed City. I recommend that further action be taken by the N. S. A. to establish a Medium's Home at any point, as such it would be more practical in character, and could not be made popular among the mediums themselves, nor among the Spiritualists.

A PENSION FUND.

In lieu of a Home building, I recommend the continuation of the present policy of the N. S. A. in pensioning such indigent speakers and mediums as are known to be worthy and deserving of such aid. Small pensions, not exceeding five dollars per month, have been regularly paid to a few mediums during the past year. ALL cases were carefully investigated and pensions granted only upon the presentation of reliable evidence of worthiness. Henry Slade has been cared for, for the sake of the good work he did in early years of his public work. None of the pensioners have received the money into their own hands, but it has been sent to those who have cared for them, who have used it solely for the purposes designated.

This Pension Fund should be enlarged and made a source of income for its own work. I recommend that action be taken in that direction by this Convention. Every speaker, medium and public worker, is, or should be, interested in this work, and ought to contribute a portion to the fund as their means will permit, without regard to any possible benefit to themselves. I all mediums, who depend upon their psychic work for a livelihood, should contribute twenty-five cents per month to this fund, it would be ample to meet every requirement of the part of the distressed. If such a assessment could be levied and collected, it would yield a monthly income of many hundred dollars. I respectfully urge this plan to your consideration and recommend authoritatively action thereon. The pension system is the best method thus far evolved by which we can care for our own, and I believe it to be wise to expand our resources for this worthy object, and not waste them in futile attempts to establish and endow Homes into which very few mediums could be induced to go.

WILLS AND DONATIONS.

A few estates, in which the N. S. A. was either directly or indirectly interested, have been settled during the past year, notably those of Case and Espeimuller, from which this Association has received its share monetarily. The bequest of Mr. Case was seriously diminished by the settlement made by remote heirs to break the will, but the attempts were not successful, and the N. S. A. received about fourteen hundred dollars, in proportion to the estate. Mr. Case received over three thousand dollars, and would have received more had it not been for the expenses of litigation. To secure the N. S. A. a hundred dollars net, it is to have to pay the expenses that sur-

worth all it cost and far more to the Spiritualists of America, as the decision in their favor by the Indiana Court has established a precedent that can and will be followed in future years in defending cases of like nature. This suit has shown the necessity of exercising great care in making wills on the part of all who desire to benefit the Cause of Spiritualism. Proper legal forms for wills should be prepared that will stand every test of law, and placed before the people. I feel to recommend, however, that our friends be urged to make their bequests by deed or check while they are yet in the form in order that their wishes are carried out in full. An aged couple in New Jersey have set all Spiritualists a praiseworthy example by deeding their valuable real estate to the N. S. A. outright, taking a life lease for their own protection. I earnestly recommend that this method be everywhere urged upon our liberal-minded friends who wish to aid Spiritualism through the N. S. A. Justice and law were long since divorced in the settlement of will cases, hence our people cannot be too cautious in seeking to avoid trouble by disposing of their property while yet in mortal form.

The famous McIlroy will in Philadelphia, Pa., affecting our loyal auxiliary, The First Association of Spiritualists of that city, has been taken to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania during the past year, and a signal victory won for Spiritualism. The decision of the lower court breaking the will, was reversed, and the will sustained. Mr. McIlroy's wishes will, in the course of time, be carried out in full, unless the opponents of the will try some other method to avoid its fulfillment. This establishes a most important precedent in favor of Spiritualism in the legal world, and the Spiritualists of the nation are to be congratulated upon the prestige it has given them.

HISTORY OF SPIRITUALISM.

Once more I feel impressed to call the attention of the Spiritualists of America to this important subject. I have referred to it at length in my reports in past years, and must reiterate every word I have hitherto uttered with regard to the subject. Our veteran workers are rapidly passing away from earth, and our sources of information of an accurate history are even now very few in number. Steps should be taken to utilize every possible factor accessible for the furtherance of this work. Two years ago, Lyman C. Howe, who had been elected Historian at a previous Convention, was instructed to qualify for many times the sum

begin work on a small scale. An appropriation of two hundred dollars was made for this purpose, and Mr. Howe managed to do a great deal of work with that sum. His eyesight becoming impaired, he was not able to continue his work last year, and our last annual Convention elected your President as his assistant. Work was planned for the year, but circumstances not necessary to mention in detail, forced your President from all fields of labor, hence the only report possible to make to this Convention is that progress has been made, and further time asked for. I feel warranted, now that Historian Howe has almost wholly recovered his sight, in recommending a liberal appropriation to the History Fund, and ask that positive instruction be given the incoming Board of Trustees to push this work as rapidly as possible during the year. If Mr. Howe requires any assistants, this Convention can direct him to employ such as he may need, limiting the expense to a certain amount. I plead with you as delegates to interest yourselves especially in this most important matter. We need an authentic history of our movement, and I ask for legislation of a positive character at your hands that will enable us to secure it at the earliest possible moment.

MEDICAL PERSECUTION.

During the past year, drastic legislation on the subject of the practice of medicine has been enacted in many states of the Union. Under these severe and most tyrannical laws, prosecution and persecution have been quite common. I believe these measures to be unconstitutional and feel that their obnoxious features can be removed by an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. A test case should be taken to that tribunal at the earliest possible moment. I believe a worthy case has developed during the past year in Grand Rapids, Mich., where a magnetic healer (clairvoyant) has been arrested for the illegal practice of medicines. As he uses neither drugs, nor herbs, but simply relies upon magnetism applied by his hands to affect his cures, it is difficult to see wherein he has violated the law. He has practiced magnetic healing in Grand Rapids for nearly twenty-four years, and has not used the title of "Dr." nor the letters "M.D." illegally during the time, or, at least, since the law restricting their use was enacted in Michigan. He had no difficulty in securing bonds at the time of his conviction, one of the leading business men of the city voluntarily qualifying for many times the sum

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tices to go their way without claiming any connection with Spiritualism. We want phenomena and plenty of them, but not of the kinds produced by the parties under discussion. I recommend decisive action upon this matter by this Convention.

SOME SPECIAL NEEDS.

The foregoing paragraph prompts me to refer to a few of the special needs of our movement at the present time. First of all, we need a young progressive body of people preparing for our ministry. There are less than twenty of our speakers today who are under forty years of age. Our young people are led into other occupations because of our failure to establish pastorate and permanency in the character of our work. This Convention should evolve some plan by which our young people may be induced to enter our ministry. Second, we need a more devout, religious spirit in our public meetings. The curiosity age and the era of the mirth seeker are things of the past. They are now attached to the theatres where they properly belong. This Convention should declare to the world the religious side of Spiritualism, and place it squarely and reverently upon the basis of scientific Theism. Third, we need a more dignified method of presenting the phenomena to the world. As they are now given, they detract from the divine beauty of our truth, and frequently make our movement the laughing stock of the world. Phenomena are invaluable aids in the work and should be sacredly consecrated to the purpose of the angels—not reduced to the level of the circus or variety show. They are of special value in the home circles, in the laboratory of the scientist, and in the communion service that should follow the address of a settled speaker every Sunday evening. I recommend that this Convention devise ways and means by which the foregoing suggestions can be put into practice. Unless something of the kind is done, a division of our forces is inevitable in the near future, and the line of cleavage will be between the religious and the iconoclastic elements in our ranks. I hope our union of forces may be preserved, but not at the cost of the self-respect of reverential, truth-seeking people. I prefer a division between truth and error, between reverence and irreverence, between instruction and amusement, to the present effort to unite these incongruous elements. Let us have our phenomena, our science, our philosophy, and our religion, with no trespassing upon the prerogatives of either branch. Better an absolute divorce of phenomena and religion than the present burlesqueing of the two.

FINANCE.

Another need of our movement, especially of the N. S. A. is finances. Any orthodox body with only a quarter of our members, frequently possesses ten times the ready money we do. We have generous, whole-hearted people in our ranks, but they are not able to give to the Cause they love. Still the great mass of our people are not poor in purse. They only need awakening to a sense of duty to induce them to render generous support to their religion. In order to enable Spiritualism to do its legitimate work through the N. S. A., a generous endowment fund is necessary. Plans for raising this fund should be adopted by this Convention. Receipts from per capita dues, donations and collections are not sufficient to meet the running expense of the N. S. A. and enable it to branch out in new fields of labor. From the financial report of our Secretary and Treasurer, you will learn of the monetary standing of the N. S. A. It is far from being adequate to the needs of this organization, creditable though it be. The National Association of other religious bodies have large interests bearing investments from which they derive a goodly percentage of their income. There is no reason why the N. S. A. cannot do likewise. A generous endowment fund can be raised if the will to do it is made manifest.

One small orthodox body raised seventy-five thousand dollars in one State to carry on its work within the borders of that Commonwealth last year. Another organization—a national association—with less than one-fifth of our members raised over one

hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars last year. These people as a rule, were not so well to do as we are as a body. They had the will to achieve success, and they were successful. So may we if we will but make the effort. I believe that the raising of a general endowment fund, or planning to do so, is the paramount duty of this Convention. Our Universalist brethren did it fifty years ago when their members were few and their purses small. They determined to win, and they won. I recommend that an endowment fund of fifty thousand dollars be raised for the N. S. A. during the coming year. Let the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to appoint special solicitors under proper restrictions to make a house to house canvass in their respective communities for contributions to this fund. A general call could be issued to the country at large asking for donations to this fund, and stating its special objects.

By persistent effort on the part of a few devoted, unselfish workers this sum could be speedily raised and the N. S. A. would have a permanent source of income, upon which it could draw on during its legitimate work. I ask this body to act affirmatively upon this question. My own success in raising funds at different camps this past season proves that the people will respond when properly approached. Fifty solicitors equally devoted and in earnest, would do more than fifty times as well. I recommend the selection and equipment of reliable and experienced solicitors for the raising of this fund. If the delegates here present were to be constituted a committee of the whole to engage in this work their returns would average one hundred dollars each. This would mean one-fifth of the sum asked for, and the balance could easily be made up. One general solicitor, with a roving commission, upon a generous percentage, could raise the entire sum within the next twelve months. If our camps were properly canvassed by competent solicitors for a single season only, the sum named could be raised and all expenses met. I feel that the N. S. A. should have one reliable agent at each of the camps next season to do this very work. I recommend action accordingly.

NECROLOGY.

Many of the loyal friends of our movement have taken leave of earth during the past year. Among these are several who were especially active in the support of the N. S. A. To all of these earnest workers, I pay my personal tribute of praise, and ask that suitable resolutions be drawn in recognition of their worth. Special mention should be made of the work of Count Alexander Alksakoff, of St. Petersburg, Russia, whose literary labors in behalf of Spiritualism have been the wonder of the world, and of Thomas G. Newman, editor of the *Philosophical Journal*, and a worthy representative of our Cause. Bro. Newman fought a good fight, and honestly kept faith with his own conscience and the world. In his transition, the N. S. A. loses a true friend, and Spiritualism a noble representative. The transition of Benjamin Rogers of California, and Samuel I. France of Massachusetts, remove two true and tried friends of the N. S. A. from the scenes of earth. They generously gave of their means to the support of the Cause they loved, and labored for organization because of their belief in the religion of human brotherhood. Another good friend of the N. S. A., in the person of J. B. Hatch, Sr., of Boston, has left us during the past year. Mr. Hatch was a patient and a true Spiritualist, a firm friend of organization and especially of the N. S. A. He was devoted to the Lyceum movement and his efforts in its behalf were untiring. A good man has gone to his reward, and his works do praise to him. I ask that resolutions of respect be adopted by this Convention, and recommend that their names be placed upon the roll of honor in the archives of this Association. Upon this roll I also recommend that the names of all the friends of our movement who have entered the higher life since we last met in Convention, be inscribed in humble recognition of their worth.

THE SPIRITUAL PRESS.

All of the Spiritualist papers have rendered the N. S. A. loyal support throughout the year. Without the aid received from these sources, the N. S. A. would have made but little progress. I earnestly recommend that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to John R. Francis, of the *Progressive Thinker*, Hon. James B.

Townsend and Willard J. Hill, of the *Light of Truth*, W. H. Bach, of the *SUNFLOWER*, J. Munsell Chase, of the *Philosophical Journal* and Frederic G. Tuttle of the *Banner* & *Light*. I take this opportunity to call the attention of the delegates to the frequent attempts of a subordinate officer of the U. S. Government to restrict the liberties of our press, and recommend that the incoming Board of Trustees be instructed to be constantly on the alert to serve our valiant editors by defending their rights at the seat of the Government, to the end that a free press may be maintained in America.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

All of the members of the Board of Trustees have served the N. S. A. well and faithfully throughout the year. They have been true to their trusts, and have upheld the dignity and honor of our Cause in a praiseworthy manner. Personally your President is under many obligations to them, one and all, and takes this opportunity to publicly acknowledge that fact.

THE HOME OFFICE.

The work of the Home Office in Washington has been performed with the same fidelity that has ever characterized the present incumbent of the office of Secretary. All of the N. S. A. books have been kept with precision, and are models of beauty considering the variety of accounts that your Secretary has to enter. Everything in the office is kept in its place, a spiritual atmosphere pervades the whole building, and all the work of the Association is promptly dispatched. Our Secretary as faithfully discharged her every duty, and has rendered your President many favors during the year. Without her efficient aid, the President's work would have been incomplete. She has been kind, considerate, and zealous for the right in all things, as well as a source of inspiration to the President and other members of the Board. The Spiritualists of America are under obligations to their faithful Secretary, Mary T. Longley, for the many favors she has done them as well as for her devoted services in her capacity.

THE PRESIDENT'S WORK.

There is but little to be said upon this topic. The perfect duty of those who were performed by me between December 24 to December 15, 1902, when our honored Vice-President, Thomas M. Locke, became Acting President, and held that position until May 28, 1903. The causes that led to this result are known to all, and need not be repeated here. Acting President, Locke, discharged his every duty ably, and with conscientious fidelity. He honored the office throughout his regency and his report will acquaint you with what was done during his incumbency. Since June 1st, attended to my duties to the best of my ability. In round numbers I have received and turned over to the Secretary, twelve hundred dollars during the year, five-sixth of which were taken in at the camp meetings. I have not spent more than three months in active service of the N. S. A. during the year. Such as my work is, I place it before you for such judgment as its results may merit.

TRASURER MAY.

Our philanthropic Treasurer, Theodore J. Mayer, has been the same faithful friend and zealous supporter of the N. S. A. as he has been in the past years. He is a tower of strength to our organization, and deserves the grateful thanks of the Spiritualists of the world for the good he has done our Cause everywhere. Let us give honor to him to whom honor is due for his devotion to the Cause we love, and prove our appreciation of him and his work by earnestly carrying it forward.

AMENDMENTS.

From the report of the Committee on Amendments, you will learn of several changes that are proposed for our Constitution. I commend these to your special notice, and recommend that they be carefully studied as they are accepted or rejected. They are vitally important in their influence upon our organic law, and should not be hastily considered.

SPECIAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend—that small sums be appropriated to aid State Associations that desire missionary work within the borders, but have not funds to carry it on alone;

That one speaker be furnished to every Camp meeting upon the programs special days have been provided the N. S. A., said speaker to deliver two a dresses, if

of the desired, outside of his work for the N. S. A. Day;

That special efforts be made by our officials to prove the interest of the N. S. A. in local societies in rendering them such aid as lies within their power;

That efforts to secure special donations and bequests by will be continued with renewed zeal;

That the files of all Spiritualist papers be completed, properly bound, and safely shelved in our library;

That an appropriation sufficient to meet the expense be made for this purpose;

That special solicitors be placed at every camp for the season of 1904, under contract to secure donations either to the Pension or Endowment funds, or to both;

That the purchase of buildings of churches and temples be encouraged, and that congratulations be extended to all societies that have succeeded in securing homes of their own;

That every delegate and visitor present at this Convention be especially commissioned to work for the N. S. A. and co-operate during the coming year.

IN GENERAL.

Notwithstanding the clouds to which I have referred in this report, and the numerous dangers confronting us on all sides, the general outlook for Spiritualism and the N. S. A. is brighter and better than it has been for several years. A healthier interest in the subject is everywhere apparent, and a more earnest desire to get at the truth manifest. The attitude of the press, pulpit and people in regard to it seems to be kindlier and its thought is everywhere received with greater consideration than ever before. This change of sentiment is largely, if not wholly, due to the influence of the N. S. A. as an organization. I recommend that suitable expression upon all moral and reformatory questions be made by this Convention through the Committee on Resolutions, thereby testifying to our sympathy with and support of all measures designed to advance the welfare of the race.

CONCLUSION.

I now return unto you the office with which you honored me ten years ago. If this organization is a success today, and there are none who can truthfully gainsay this fact, I trust that my work has, in some small degree, helped to make it so. I have erred many times in the discharge of my duties, but I dare assert in this presence that those errors were from impulse, over-zeal and intensity of purpose, rather than from any deliberate attempt or secret wish on my own part. For my mistakes, errors of judgment, I have striven hard to atone by renewed effort in behalf of our great Cause. I crave your indulgence for them all, even as I crave a truer life before God. To all of my friends in the United States and Canada, I return my grateful thanks for their generous support of my administration and for the many favors received at their hands. May they prosper in all good works, and be daily blessed by the visitation of angels. Our N. S. A. has a glorious future before it, if each and every Spiritualist will support it as loyally as he ought to. The outlook for our Cause as a whole is promising, and success awaits it at every turn provided the Spiritualists of America will devote themselves to its sacred principles one half as zealously as they formerly supported their churches. To the work of upbuilding of our Cause and of making the N. S. A. a power for good in the land, I most earnestly commend the Spiritualists of America. I bespeak for my successor in office the same cordial and enthusiastic support you have ever accorded me. With a consecrated union of hearts, hands and souls, victory is ours surely. With only good will in my heart for all of my brethren, without bitterness or malice, and with a prayer for the health, and prosperity of our people and our N. S. A., I close this, my last annual report, and bid you all a kindly FAREWELL!

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SYMPATHY.

Weary heart, O, cease thy grieving,
Cease regretting for its vain;
Look beyond—the unknown future.
May be pleasant, after pain,
Look to spirit land for guidance,
Do not mourn for what is past;
For this world is full of trouble.
From beginning to the last.

Sail beyond the angry river.
Where the dangerous breakers rise,
We will sail in to the harbor,
Where the peaceful haven lies;
Then farewell to pain and trouble.
When that peaceful shore we reach;
No more sickness—no more sorrow,
Till the lesson faith doth teach.

Cast aside all thoughts repining.
What is past cannot return,
But the beacon light that's shining
in the future, we discern;
It's the light that leads us onward,
To that home of joy and love;
There no cruel fate may harm us,
In that peaceful home above.

—E. J. K.

BE COMFORTED.

Be comforted, the wise man said
To friends who stood around the
bier;
Tis but the form lies cold and dead
Your friend now lives on higher
sphere.
Death's subtle change is nature's
way

To free the spirit from its bonds,
Death is the door to endless day
The mystic realm of the beyond.

We should not mourn when friends
depart,
'Tis like the setting of the sun
They do not live from us apart
They view a higher horizon.
They often visit us in dreams
We feel the impress of a kiss
How sweet and natural it seems
The acme of pure, earthly bliss.

We hear the ignorant call it
Hallucination of the mind
They cannot realize God's spirit
Is made manifest in mankind.
Arisen spirits do return
Angelic messengers of light;
To cheer the soul of those who
mourn
To make the future look more
bright.

—Henry M. Edminster.

Afraid of His Teeth.

Charley Adams, a Carthage (Mo.) colored man, having had the last of his teeth extracted, has concluded to get him a set of false ones. It makes his gums chatter to think of it, though. "I dreads to use dem false teeth," he has confided to a friend. "I'ze afraid I'll git some dead man's teef in my head, and den his ghost'll ha'nt me. I allus heerd false teeth wa' ha'nted, and I ain't a-goin' to sleep in de room wid 'em. When I goes to bed I'll jis' drown 'em in water and sit 'em in some oder room."

The Pope's Nickel Watch.

Don Perosi will of course be the music maker of Pius X, and is meantime loud in praise of his friend, telling how Pius X has only a nickel watch, having sold, for purposes of charity, a gold one given to him on the Adriatic. We say sold, but Don Perosi says "pawned." Pontiffs have been famous for nephews, but here is one who enters the Vatican to the sound of human but disinterested gossip about an "uncle." —London Chronicle.

Washing Away the World.

An interesting calculation has been made public by the French Academy of Sciences. It is to the effect that, taking into consideration the wear and tear on the solid land by the ocean lashing, river erosion and wind and weather, the world will by the end of the year 4,500,000 be completely washed away, and the ocean will roll over the present foundations of our great continents.

A Unique Light.

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"A vigorous will is a perpetual tonic."

"A mental flaw spoils a thing of beauty."

AN EARTHLY TRINITY.

Health and Wealth Ought to Be Linked With Happiness.

We are used to feel, to put it crudely, that folks who have health and money ought to be happy. And so they should. A sufficient income promotes comfort, and that contributes to cheerfulness of spirit, and to have health of course means to feel well, and that is a long step toward feeling good. But how far do we have to look to find persons with health to squander and more money than they know how to spend making strenuous efforts to attain happiness and merely achieving impaired health? If you have health and money you can usually buy pleasure, but enjoyment is a different article, and even when you have got enjoyment happiness may still elude you. Pleasure palliates and sometimes demoralizes; enjoyment easily yields to weariness, but you don't get tired of being happy, and you may be ever so tired and be happy still.

Happiness is a state of satisfaction. One reason why it is so elusive may be because we human creatures are a complication of body, mind and spirit and require for our complete satisfaction a particularly nice adjustment of blessings and of conduct. If we indulge the body too much the other two partners become mutinous; if we overcultivate the mind the body may break down, and if we bestow all our attention on mind and body, the spirit, ignored, takes a sure vengeance on us for our neglect. It is so difficult so to measure and direct our efforts as to appease all the demands of our tripartite natures that the simpler way is to regard happiness as a byproduct, give over all direct attempts to acquire a constant supply of it and simply accept however much of it may come while we go about our business with such intelligence as we can. We can usually keep our bodies in fair repair if we are not too lazy or too self indulgent. If we have to earn living our minds and bodies, too, find occupation that is usually wholesome, and the discipline of work done, as it usually is, for others as well as for ourselves, helps to satisfy the exactions of the spirit.—Harper's Weekly.

TWO STOCK EXCHANGES.

Differences Between the New York and Berlin Institutions.

If any member of the New York Stock Exchange who is entirely unacquainted with German speculation should visit the Berlin bourse he would find at every point the most striking divergencies from his home experience. He would be surprised to see the bourse attended by quite 2,000 persons, including clerks of banks, newspaper men and even visitors like himself. Also, he would be interested in the immense size of the hall—300 feet long, divided by colonnades into three sections, one of which is assigned to the Produce Exchange. On one side of the hall several doors open into a grassy court, shaded by trees and surrounded by a pillared lobby, where brokers sit in dull summer days and float their latest stock of anecdotes.

That shaded court is suggestive of deeper differences between the New York Stock Exchange and the Berlin institution. In New York the number of members is fixed and is small in proportion to the immense volume of business done. In Berlin there is a great horde of small dealers, and the amount of trading is much less than in New York. Owing to the easy terms of admission, the bourse becomes a mere place where traders meet to effect their transactions. There is no sale of seats. In fact, no membership fee exists, but only a small yearly tax is collected, which varies from time to time as the expenses of the organization require. Contrary to New York practice, membership is largely held by companies and firms. Nearly all the banks of the city, for example, are members, and the more important ones keep above a score of their employees on the floor. Thus the individual New York broker, as a rule, counts for vastly more than a member of the bourse. New York is concentrated, is intense. Berlin disperses its energy, and is comparatively dull. It knows nothing of those great days of triumph or disaster that render the annals of Wall street picturesque. And it lacks our large daring operators who startle the country with their bold schemes.—William C. Dreher in Century.

Effect of Woman Suffrage.

Ex-Governor Alva Adams of Colorado recently addressed the Friday Morning club of Los Angeles on the effect of woman suffrage in his state. The critics of women voters, he said, come from the saloon element and the professional politician whose interests are assailed by them. "The press, the preachers and the petticoats are molding the interests of Colorado," he said, and added, "I bow to the triumvirate willingly and say, like the Grecian of old, 'May God long keep the tyrants and may the tyranny last forever!'"

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